

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to amendment filed 08/01/2005.2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

*Claims 1 and 2*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a controller to change an output order of fixed images to be printed out based on glossiness set by a glossiness changing device.

*Claim 3*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a controller to change a fixed image output order based on glossiness of series of fixed images to be printed out and numbers of the series of fixed images to be printed out.

*Claims 4 and 5*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a fixing condition changing device to change a fixing condition based on the detected thickness or the input thickness information of the paper sheet, and a controller to change an output order of fixed images to be printed out based on the thickness of the paper sheet.

*Claims 6 and 11*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a fixing condition changing device to change a fixing condition based on the detected thickness or the input thickness information of the paper sheet, and a controller to change the fixed image output order based on the thickness of the paper sheet and numbers of series of images to be printed out.

*Claims 7 and 10*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a fixing condition changing device to change a fixing condition based on the detected thickness or the input thickness information of the paper sheet, and a controller to change an output order of fixed images to be printed out based on glossiness set by the glossiness changing device, the thickness of the paper sheet and numbers of series of images to be printed out.

*Claims 8 and 9*

None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests an image forming apparatus having a fixing device which pressurizes and heats an unfixed toner image on a paper sheet as the transfer medium to fix the image on the paper sheet, comprising a fixing condition changing device to change a fixing condition based on the detected thickness or the input thickness information of the paper sheet, and a controller to change the fixed image output order based on glossinesses of series of fixed images to be printed out and numbers of series of images to be printed out.

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoan H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2141. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

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